SENATE JUDICIARY

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To whom it may concern;

I am writing in support of HB0587. As a health care provider serving primarily disadvantaged populations, I have serious concerns about the administration of any dangerous medication without proper oversight and accountability. As many who work in obstetrics are aware, pregnant women often believe that they are a certain gestational age, but in fact are not. The use of ultrasound guides the determination of gestational age, but if this ultrasound is not performed by a qualified practitioner and read by a skilled physician, then deleterious events may transpire. It is my duty as a provider to guide and protect people from harm. This Bill will prevent many dangerous and life threatening consequences from occurring. We owe it to the good people of Montana to preserve the practice of safe and sound medicine. Please support this Bill.

Thank you,

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